

Attorney's Docket No. SRL 6140 (C-3090/2/D1)

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF 9, 11-EPOXY STEROIDS AND INTERMEDIATES USEFUL THEREIN

the specification of which:

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is attached hereto
 was filed on February 9, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/246,908, and was amended on _____.
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____, filed on _____ And as amended Under PCT Article 19 on _____, if any.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a) - (d) or §365(b) of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT application which designates at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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ANY FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), ON THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER WHICH HAS A FILING DATE EARLIER THAN THE EARLIEST APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY IS CLAIMED

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<u>60/008,455</u> (Application Number)	<u>12/11/95</u> (Filing Date)
 (Application Number)	 (Filing Date)

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

(Complete this part only if this is a divisional,
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

<u>08/763,910</u> (Serial No.)	<u>12/11/96</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
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WHEREAS, We, John S. Ng of Chicago, Illinois; Ping T. Wang of Ballwin, Missouri; Julio A. Baez of San Diego, California; Chin Liu of Vernon Hills, Illinois; Dennis K. Anderson of St. Charles, Missouri; Jon P. Lawson of Glencoe, Missouri; Bernhard Erb of Gipf-Oberfrick, Switzerland; Joseph Wieczorek of Cary, Illinois; Gennaro Mucciariello of Italy; Fortunato Vanzanella of Italy; Sastry A. Kunda of Chesterfield, Missouri; Leo J. Letendre of Manchester, Missouri; Mark J. Pozzo of Chesterfield, Missouri; Yuen-Lung L. Sing of St. Louis, Missouri; and Edward E. Yonan of Carol Stream, Illinois, have jointly invented an improvement relating to PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF 9,11-EPOXY STEROIDS AND INTERMEDIATES USEFUL THEREIN (file 3090/SRL 6140) and have executed a series of applications for a United States patent based thereon (U.S. Application Serial No. 09/246,908 filed February 9, 1999; U.S. Application Serial No. 08/763,910 filed December 11, 1996; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/008,455 filed December 11, 1995);

AND, WHEREAS, G.D. Searle & Co. of Skokie, Illinois, a corporation of the State of Delaware (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE our interest and all right, title, and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including divisional, continuing or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, any foreign

applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

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AND We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said ASSIGNEE;

AND We hereby agree for ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND We hereby covenant for ourselves and our respective legal representatives, and agree with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed my right, title, and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

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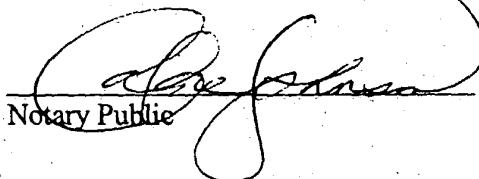
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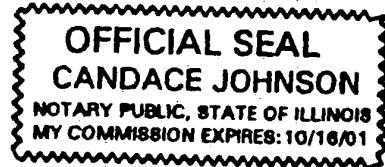
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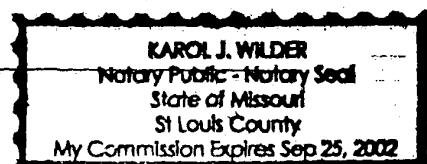
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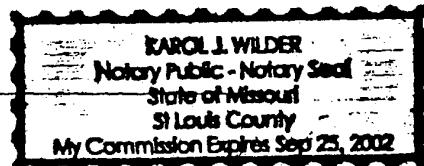
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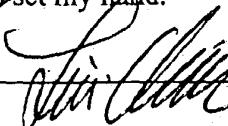


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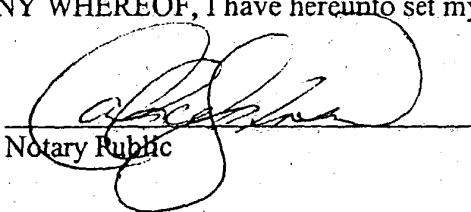
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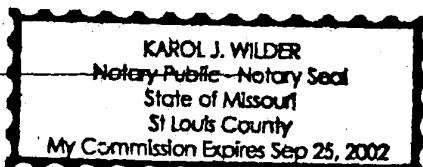
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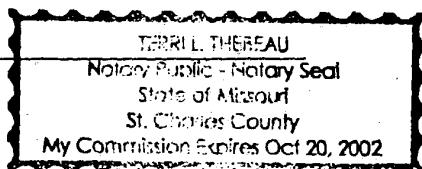
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I, the undersigned notary public in Basel, Switzerland, certify herewith the authenticity of the signature of Dr. Bernhard Erb, citizen of Oberhof, Switzerland, residing in Gipf-Oberfrick, Switzerland.

BASEL, this 12th (twelfth) of April, 1999 (nineteen hundred and ninetynine).



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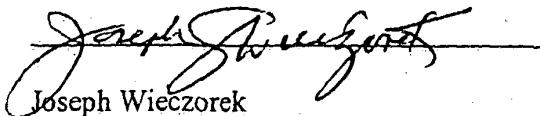
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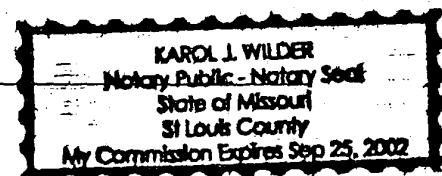
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 16th day of March, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Sastry A. Kunda, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Karol J. Wilder
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

3/21/91

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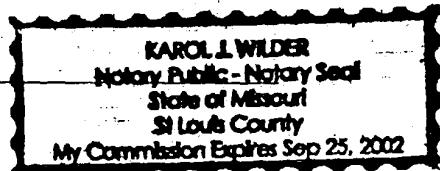
On this 22nd day of March, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Leo J. Letendre, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Karol J. Wilder

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

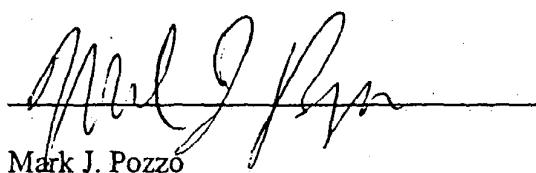


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

3/16/99

Date

Mark J. Pozzo



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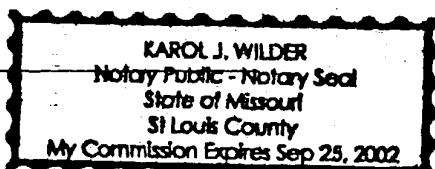
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 16th day of March, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Mark J. Pozzo, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Karol J. Wilder
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

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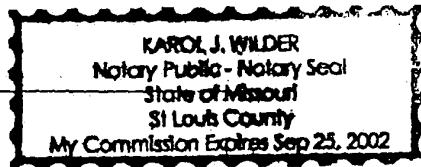
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 16th day of March, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Yuen-Lung L. Sing, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Karol J. Wilder
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

4-16-99

Date

Edward L. Yonan

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF Illinois)

COUNTY OF Oak)

On this 16th day of April, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Edward L. Yonan, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Candace Johnson
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

10-16-01

